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FIFTY CENTS



MEMBERS of the junior class at Dawson Springs High School cast their votes Wednesday, Oct. 3, during a mock presidential election. Students in grades 7-12 participated in the mock election.



KEENAN RATLIFF, Hopkins County chief deputy clerk and the county's election director, gives Ryne Bruch an "I Voted" sticker after the Dawson Springs High School junior cast his vote in a mock presidential election held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the school.

Romney Wins Mock Election

A mock presidential election was held Oct. 3 at Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School with Republican challenger Mitt Romney beating incumbent President Barack Obama 187 to 64.

The election was a part of the voter registration program and was handled like an actual election. Students were given real ballots and voted at the polling stands that will be used in the November general election.

Keenan Ratliff, chief deputy and election director with the Hopkins County Clerk's office, was at the school for the vote, and the ballots were scanned as in a real election. Ratliff said the program helps make voting for the first time less intimidating.

Mock elections were also held at Madisonville North Hopkins and Hopkins County Central.

SBDM COUNCIL VOTES 3-2

New Jr./Sr. High Principal Named

By
Carolyn Walker

The weeks of work involved in the principal selection process ended Friday when the Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High SBDM Council voted 3-2 in open session to hire Kevin Stockman as the next principal. He will replace Terry Hayes who resigned last month to take a job as superintendent of the Pineville Independent School District.

Teacher representative Kim Menser, parent representative and council vice chairwoman Cassie Bruch and Superintendent Charles Proffitt voted in favor of hiring Stockman. Teacher representative Rachel McCain and parent representative Missy Copeland were opposed. Dan Dillingham, also a teacher representa-

tive, was not present for the vote.

Under new state law, district superintendents now have a vote in the selection process. Principals were previously hired by council members only.

Stockman, who is from Fort Myers, Fla., will begin work later this month. His résumé includes 10 years teaching at the middle and high school levels and 26 years in administration. He has also received special recognition as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Proffitt expressed his gratitude to the principal selection committee for their many hours devoted to the process that went into making the decision to hire Stockman.

"Mr. Stockman possesses the qualities to be very successful in Dawson Springs," he said. "I am excited for

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THIRD KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Staffing Changes Made In Elementary School

By
Carolyn Walker

Some Dawson Springs Elementary School students may find themselves in a new classroom with a different teacher when classes resume after the fall break. At a special called meeting Friday, the elementary SBDM Council voted unanimously to make changes needed to accommodate the large number of kindergarten students.

Holly Peters, who has several years experience as a kindergarten teacher, will teach a third kindergarten class for the remainder of the school year.

Carrie Durban will take Peters' place as sixth grade language arts/reading teacher, and Durban's students will be divided equally between Barbara P'Poole and Jamie Brantley.

Several elementary teachers will also have new room assignments in order to put all kindergarten students on one level.

The staffing changes were approved only for the last three quarters of the 2012-2013 school year. However, elementary principal Jennifer Ward said she would like to keep the additional kindergarten classroom if possible because of the importance of having small classes at that level.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL SPONSOR FALL TRADEWATER RIVER FEST

Report On Historic Preservation Conference Given

By
Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday at the Darby House. President Jenny Sewell reported on the Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference held in September. The conference took place in this part of the state for the first time with Princeton as the host city, assisted by Dawson Springs and Eddyville.

"It was a great conference," Sewell said. "Pennyrile was packed."

Many of the participants in the conference were lodged at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Sewell gave

participants a tour of Dawson Springs; and a workshop, Our History Rests Here, on how to document old cemeteries, was held in the Arcadia Cemetery. By using radar, it was estimated that more than 100 people are buried in the cemetery although there are only 28 gravestones.

During the conference, Sewell also gave a presentation on why Dawson Springs sees itself as a good candidate to become a trail town. The presentation included a slide show demonstrating the city's qualifications. She showed the slides for chamber members at Tuesday's meeting.

Sewell said the conference was very

well attended, and a number of Dawson Springs residents participated.

The chamber discussed several upcoming events. A carnival with rides, games and food will be held Oct. 19 and 20 at Riverside Park. Booth space will be available for nonprofit groups who would like to do fund raisers in conjunction with the carnival. The chamber and Main Street program hope to build the Fall Tradewater River Fest into a major community event.

A living history presentation will take place at 2 p.m. Oct. 18 at the community center. The presentation includes a fashion show featuring clothing from the 1800s to today. The

event is part of a West Kentucky Social Services meeting hosted by the local nursing facilities but is open to the public.

Tradewater Health and Rehabilitation Center and Dawson Springs Health and Rehabilitation Center are selling cookbooks for \$10. The proceeds will go toward the residents' Christmas fund.

A Welcome Back Dr. Hack luncheon will take place next month. It is being planned to coincide with the announcement of Trover Clinic's merger with Baptist Health Systems.

The annual Rotary Auction will be held Nov. 3. The community center

will be open Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 for silent bidding. The table will be cleared the morning of the third.

The open house held annually by the Dawson Springs Police and Fire departments has been rescheduled for Nov. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. The date was changed because of a conflict with the PTO fall festival.

The chamber welcomed two new members at Tuesday's meeting. They are Jayne Barton and Bill Rudd with First United Bank and Trust Company in Madisonville. Barton said they joined the local organization to become more involved with the community.

THIRD OF THREE DAYS TO BALANCE BUDGET

Judicial Centers Are Closed For Final Furlough Monday

Judicial centers will be closed statewide, and all court services will be unavailable Monday as the Kentucky Judicial Branch shuts down for the third of three furlough days in 2012.

This will be the first time since Kentucky's modern court system was formed in 1976 that the Judicial Branch must close judicial center doors to balance its budget.

The furloughs will affect only nonelected court personnel who will be off work without pay as part of the Judicial Branch's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Reduction Plan. This includes the Supreme

Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, District Court, Offices of Circuit Court Clerk, the Administrative Office of the Courts and all court services, including Pretrial Services, Drug Court, the Court Designated Worker Program, Court Interpreting Services, the State Law Library and driver license branches.

The Supreme Court of Kentucky approved two orders that provide guidance on how the statewide court closures are to be implemented. Below is a summary of what the public and the law enforcement and legal communities should expect on furlough days:

- Trials and other court proceedings will not be scheduled on furlough days as there will be no staff available. Items already on the docket for those days will be rescheduled.

- Driver licenses will not be issued.

- The Supreme Court will suspend its rule requiring pretrial officers to interview a defendant within 12 hours after incarceration. No Pretrial Services staff will be working on furlough days.

- Deputy clerks will not be available to process bonds and no release orders will be issued.

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EVERLI MITCHELL (from left), Sarah Allen and Matt Snell prepare their plates at the annual breakfast honoring volunteers in the Dawson Springs Independent School System held Thursday, Oct. 4. The three seniors are Student Ambassadors, a group in the local system who are active in volunteering and have high grade point averages.



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ams' vehicle entered the ditch line and struck a telephone pole.

He was transported by ambulance to Regional Medical Center for treatment. He was wearing a seat belt. There were no passengers.

Trooper Nathan Craft conducted the investigation.

statistics indicate 550 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2012. This is five fewer than reported for this time period in 2011.

Of the 424 motor vehicle fatalities, 241 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 65 motorcycle fatalities, 33 were not wearing helmets. Eleven of the 13 ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. Forty-three pedestrians, one scooter/moped rider and four bicycle riders have been killed. A total of 96 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

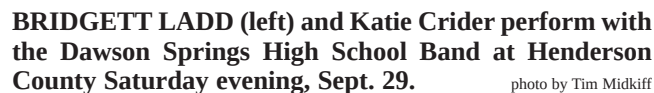


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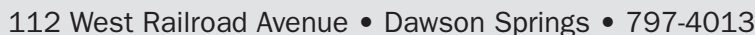
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Gov. Steve Beshear has proclaimed Oct. 7-13 as Fire Prevention Week in Kentucky. The National Fire Protection Association sponsors fire prevention week annually and this year the theme is "have 2 ways out."

"Kentucky families should take time together to map out a plan for escaping a home fire," said William Swope, state fire marshal and director of the Division of Fire Prevention. "But don't stop there. After you have mapped out two emergency exits, practice the plan with your family. This is the ultimate 'great escape.'"

Here is how to get started:

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out

—All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.

—Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.

–Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.

- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.

- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.

- Practice, practice and practice your home escape plan.

Swope also emphasizes the importance of working smoke detectors in your home or apartment.

“Smoke detectors – hard-wired ones with a battery backup – should be installed on every floor of your home, including the basement, and in each sleeping area. It’s best to

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Amanda J. Rodgers, 34, 102 Prince St., Princeton, was arrested Oct. 2 on East Munn Street. She was charged with three counts of theft by deception (cold checks under \$500). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Mary Czerniak, 35, 9985 Nortonville Road, was served a criminal summons Oct. 4. She was charged with theft by deception including cold checks under \$500. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Michael E. Cartwright Jr., 28, 788 Fairway Drive, Madisonville, was arrested Oct. 5 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. He was charged with four counts of nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County warrants). Capt. Craig Patterson and Officer Josh Travis were the charging officers, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Chad A. Wells, 25, 1571 Tucker Schoolhouse Road, Madisonville, was arrested Oct. 5 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. He was charged with nonpayment of fines

(Hopkins County warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Austin Roberts, 28, 5755 Hinton Road, Philpot, was arrested Oct. 7 at 25 Oak Heights. He was charged with non-payment of fines (Henderson County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

—Bryan Vanpatten, 45, 5399 Hunter Road, Boonville, Ind., was arrested Oct. 7. He was charged with failure to appear (Henderson County bench warrant) and failure to appear (Daviess County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Officer Brad Ross.

A local man was charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Homer A. Powell, 52, 70 Gibb Spring Lane, was charged Oct. 2 with failure to pay fines.

A Dawson Springs resident was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department

—Jason L. Laureano, 30, Charleston Road, was charged Oct. 3 with reckless driving, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to render aid.

A single-vehicle accident Saturday on U.S. 62 sent four people to Regional Medical Center.

According to Kentucky State Police, Meghan Fleming 20, of Beech Creek, was driving east on U.S. 62 when her vehicle hydroplaned, causing it to exit the road and strike a tree. The

Gov. Steve Beshear appointed three members to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.

Timothy R. Dukes of Madisonville is a healthcare executive at Trover Health System. He represents hospital administrators. The appointment replaces Joseph R. Miller whose term has expired. Dukes' term expires Sept. 19, 2016.

Mary A. Kleber of Louisville is a director of curriculum at Kentucky Community and Technical College System. She represents emergency medical services educators from a Kentucky college or university that provides an educational program. The appointment replaces Jay K. Box whose term has expired. Kleber will serve for a term expiring Sept. 19, 2016.

Charles R. "Chuck" O'Neal of Berea is director of EMS for Garrard County Fiscal Court.

He represents paramedics. The appointment replaces Michael E. Poynter who has resigned. O'Neal will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term ending Sept. 19, 2014.

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RYLEE PURDY tosses a ring at the bottles, as her dad Rusty Purdy looks on at the PTO fall festival Friday, Sept. 28. Tiki Robinson (left) is in charge of the Ring-Toss booth.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

Kentucky’s Historical Society To Co-Sponsor ‘Our Voice Our Future’

Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes and Renee Shaw of Kentucky Educational Television (KET) have joined the Global Center for Connected Campuses (GC3) as participants in the 2012 Vice Presidential Debate “Our Voice. Our Future.” event. The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) and KET have signed on as promotional sponsors to reach educational networks and help grow the number of school participants in this online town hall.

The interactive event today, Oct. 11, will be held at Centre College, host of this year’s only vice presidential debate, and will be online in classrooms and on campuses across the country. More than 100 school participants in more than 15 states across the country have already signed up for the event and approximately 150 Ken-

tucky high school and college students are expected to be part of the live audience at Centre College.

Since the announcement that Centre will be hosting the debate, members of the Centre community have been working to get as many people as possible politically involved. Grimes, who will be a panelist for “Our Voice. Our Future.,” is leading an effort to promote youth civic engagement with classroom curriculum and information on voter registration.

“Kentucky is at its best when everyone is engaged,” says Grimes, “and having the vice presidential debate in Kentucky creates a unique opportunity to involve our young people in the election. The ‘Our Voice. Our Future.’ event capitalizes on that opportunity

by using technology to bring the democratic process straight into the classroom.”

KET’s Shaw will be the event’s moderator.

“It’s an honor to have this year’s only vice presidential debate in Kentucky, and KET is proud to provide ‘Our Voice. Our Future.’ as part of our Election 2012 coverage,” says KET Executive Director Shae Hopkins.

“The eyes of the world will be on Centre College on Oct. 11, and having a current and former Kentucky secretary of state, as well as an esteemed moderator like Renee Shaw, involved in ‘Our Voice. Our Future.’ ensures that we are making the most of this historic opportunity to engage students,” said Connected Nation President and COO Tom Ferree.



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A Kentucky Adventure by Leigh Anne Florence

Illustrated by Chris Ware

(EDITOR’S NOTE: This is the fifth chapter in a 10-part Newspaper in Education series.)

Chapter 5

“Maybe we’ll jump out of an airplane,” I said, as we drove down Highway 15. Now that I’d zip-lined, I was a fitness expert.

“Maybe we’ll jump rope instead,” Chloe suggested.

“We’ll know soon,” Dad said, turning onto Tunnel Ridge Road. We saw a man leaning up against an Army Jeep. Dad rolled down the window. “You must be Pete.”

Pete smiled, shook Dad’s hand and said, “Follow me, folks.”

Seconds later we pulled into our destination.

“Welcome to Shelto wee Trace,” Pete said before we introduced ourselves.

“Shelto wee Trace is a 282-mile national recreation trail that runs the length of the Daniel Boone National Forest. The trail begins at Pickett State Park in

Tennessee and ends near Morehead, Kentucky. Shelto wee Trace is named after Daniel Boone, who was given the name Shelto wee, which means Big Turtle, when he was adopted as the son of Chief Blackfish, the great warrior of the Shawnee tribe. The trail was dedicated on June 23, 1979, and has been used for different recreations ever since. Today, we’ll ride horses through part of Shelto wee Trace.”

My eyes grew to the size of pancakes. Pete must have noticed.

“You afraid of horses?” he asked.

“A little. The last time I was on a horse I fell off,” I explained.

“We’ve never ridden a horse, Woody,” Chloe said as my family looked confused.

“Don’t you remember when I was riding the horse and fell off and got a goose egg on my head?” I asked.

“That was the electric horse at the grocery store, silly,” Chloe said as everyone

in the group laughed. Whatever the case, it hurt!

“How is horseback riding exercise?” I asked, trying to change the subject.

Pete answered as we walked to the stable. “It’s a great cardiovascular activity. You can burn calories and develop arm and leg muscles. You’ll find new muscles too. Riding improves balance, posture and clears the mind.”

“You’ll each ride your own horse,” Pete told us as he pulled each horse from its stall. “Rule one, don’t stand behind the horse, or there’s a good chance you’ll be kicked. Rule two, stay calm and quiet. Movement and noise can spook the horse and make him jump, buck or run. And you must wear a helmet.”

“Why a helmet?” I asked, confused because we weren’t riding a motorcycle.

“To keep you safe in case you fall off, though I don’t anticipate that happening,” Pete said.

I was learning we always had to have safety

equipment – a leash for walking, a harness for zip-lining, a helmet for horseback riding. Once Pete had each horse groomed, saddled and ready, he said, “Now I’ll teach you how to mount – or get on – the horse.”

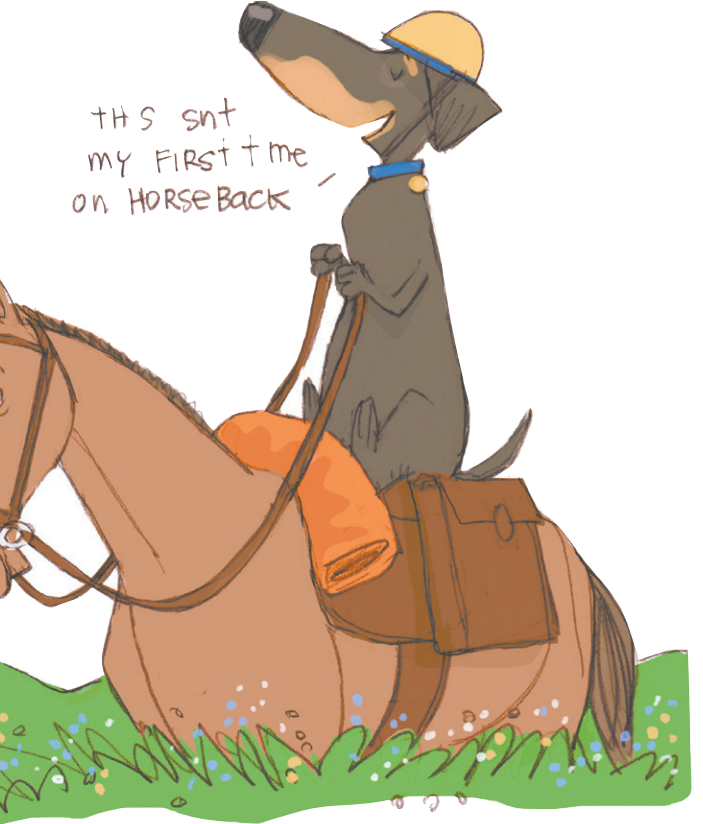
We watched as Pete demonstrated.

Chloe was the first to mount her horse, Butterfly. Although Pete had to give her a boost, she did great. She looked like a real cowgirl. It was my turn next.

Concentrating, I did exactly like Pete said. I almost made it on my horse, Chester, but couldn’t get my leg over. I tried again and almost made it. Then I hit the ground again. I went up and down so much I looked like a yo-yo. Finally, I was sitting on top of Chester.

“Good job, Woody,” everyone said, cheering, the same as we did for Chloe.

As we rode along the Red River in the heart of the Daniel Boone National Forest, Pete pointed out many things. “When Boone was searching for a route from Virginia to Kentucky, he made several explorations. The land he discovered is now known as the Daniel Boone National



Forest. Today many of the creeks, streams and landmarks still have the names given to them by Boone.”

Pete pointed to flowers I’d never hear of – like yellow lady-slipper and Jacob’s ladder. While everyone looked at the flowers, I spotted an animal with large antlers. Not wanting to spook any of the horses, I held Chester’s reins with my left paw and grabbed the camera in my saddlebag with my right paw.

I was quiet and careful, yet as I opened the bag I heard a loud thump, and my entire world went dark.

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PERFORMING with the Dawson Springs High School Band at the annual town show Friday, Sept. 14, are (from left) Elizabeth Black, Sydney Menser, Kaila Purdy, Allison Adams, Christina Hamby and Alexis Smith.

photo by Sheldon Mitchel

Kentucky’s Labor Cabinet Expands Workers’ Free Online Training

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet has expanded its free, online training and launched a curriculum-based program that allows workers to achieve three levels of recognition.

The Safety and Health eLearning Achievement Program allows participants to advance through three levels – apprentice, proficient and graduate. These levels reward learners for their progression through the curriculum.

“This self-guided resource can be thought of as an ‘online school’ for those interested in broadening their knowledge of occupational safety and health,” said Labor Cabinet Secretary Mark Brown. “Our main objective with the eLearning initiative is to connect the state’s workforce to no cost, effective training for workplace safety and health.”

The Apprentice level of the achievement program requires completion of approximately three hours of online class time. Classes include an Introduction to OSHA, Parts 1 and 2; Fire Protection and Prevention, Parts 1 and 2; Electrical Standards; Electrical Safety and Health Hazard Recognition.

Participants move on from Apprentice to the Proficient level, which requires approximately four hours of class time focusing on forklifts, personal protective equipment, hazard communication and record-keeping. From Proficient, participants advance to the Graduate level, which includes about three and a half hours of class time on emergency eyewash and showers; bloodborne pathogens, lead awareness, excavation, excavation emergency plans, and lockout/tagout.

Certificates of completion are now available for persons interested in documenting the training received through the Labor Cabinet’s eLearning program. After completing any of the numerous safety and health-related training, participants can print a Certificate of Completion on the spot.

Classes are free-of-charge, and can be accessed 24/7 from any internet-based computer.

The training Web site can be found at www.laborcabinetetrain.ky.gov.

REVIEWS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

Governor Appoints Panel To Review Child Fatalities

Gov. Steve Beshear announced the 17 members of a panel that will help ensure that state agencies meet the policies and standards expected in cases of child abuse and neglect.

Created by an executive order in July, the Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel will conduct comprehensive reviews of child fatalities and near fatalities that are determined to be the result of child abuse or neglect.

“In those instances when a child dies or is critically injured because of abuse or neglect, we must carefully examine the practices of the government entities whose job it is to prevent such tragedies,” Beshear said. “What we learn will help us implement new policies if needed. This panel will play a critical role in our efforts to protect Kentucky’s children.”

The independent panel will be attached to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet for staff and administrative purposes. Its members include a wide range of disciplines and stakeholders, including those of law enforcement and social services, and representatives of all three branches of state government. The members who are not serving by virtue of their office are nominated by external peer committees and selected for service by the Attorney General.

“The child fatality and near fatality review panel’s work will help guide state leaders in improving the critical social safety net for our most vulnerable children,” Attorney General Jack Conway said. “I am confident each of the appointees I have selected to serve will endeavor to add his or her professional perspective to this important effort.”

Members will meet quarterly to review official records, case files, or information relating to child fatalities or near fatalities and analyze the medical, psychosocial and legal circumstances of the child to identify conditions that contributed to the death or serious injury. The panel will recommend improvements to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) and to any other public or private agencies involved with the family relating to protocols, practice, training or other protections to keep children safe.

The panel will also publish an annual report of case

reviews, findings and recommendations that will be submitted to the governor, the CHFS Secretary, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the General Assembly and will be available to the public on the Web sites of both the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and CHFS.

“The Justice Cabinet stands prepared to offer its support and resources to Chairman Crittenden and members of the panel as the group takes on this important responsibility,” said Secretary J. Michael Brown of the Justice Cabinet.

“In a perfect world, there would be no need for this panel because all of our children would be safe. But this is the real world, and the tragic deaths of innocent children are an unfortunate reality,” said CHFS Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes. “The Cabinet is pleased that Gov.Beshear

has appointed such a distinguished and well-rounded group of professionals to serve on the child fatality review panel and pledges its full support and cooperation as the panel reviews cases and makes recommendations that will further improve our investigations process.”

“Child safety is paramount to the work of the Department of Community Based Services, and we welcome any opportunity to improve the protection of Kentucky’s children,” said DCBS Commissioner Teresa James. “The department appreciates the willingness of the panel members to do the difficult job of reviewing heartbreaking cases that involve the death or near death of a child. We look forward to the panel’s recommendations, which we are confident will enhance the health and safety of Kentucky’s children.”

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As the General Election approaches, I want to thank everyone I’ve met during my campaign to become your next State Representative. We’ve chatted on the street, at fish fries, BBQs, & fairs, during parades, & in your homes, and I appreciate your openness to my message. I’ve often said that one of the things that I enjoy so much about Western Kentucky is the people — you are kind, generous, hard working, and smart and I’ve seen that over and over again throughout the campaign.

While I’ve had the opportunity to meet many of you, I’ve not been able to meet everyone. My wife, Kathy, and I have been going door-to-door almost every day to say hi and hopefully we will make it to your home. If we miss you, however, know that we tried.

The folks that I’ve met have my phone number. For those of you I haven’t met and for those who may have lost it, my phone number is 270-988-4171. Please feel free to call me with any questions, comments, or suggestions you might have; I will answer all questions to the best of my ability and will treat you with the same respect you’ve shown me.

It matters who we elect. I believe that citizen legislators can represent the 4th District better than career politicians. I believe that people with private sector experience can represent the 4th District better than those whose career has been in the public sector.

You read the headlines every day: “Washington Wages War on Kentucky Coal,” “EPA Limits Dust on Farms,” and “Unemployment Remains Above 8%.” The headlines just keep coming, but we deserve better. I know we can do better. We must do better. Together, we will do better!

I would be honored to be your 4th District State Representative and I ask for your vote on November 6. Together we can make Frankfort accountable again.

Thank you,
Lynn Bechler

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Autumn Is A Good Time For A Wedding

Whoever said June is the wedding month obviously didn't know the Dillingham families. For our bunch, it seems autumn (or there or about) is the time of year we tend to like marrying.

While writing this on the 63rd anniversary of Mom and Dad's wedding day (October 9), I remembered it was two years ago (October 2) Mandi got married, one year ago (September 3) Robert got married and now a few days ago (October 6) Dan Dillingham took the plunge.

Some in our family had decided Dan might follow in the footsteps of Jed, my brother, and grow up to be an established bachelor. But alas, that was not to be. Dan fell for Katie Krutza and she fell for him. The two sealed the deal Saturday afternoon in Bowling Green.

Several of us Dillinghams, a few Monroes, some Krutzas and friends of the bride and groom got together Friday for a friendly golf scramble in Bowling Green.

It was new to me, but the losing teams paid \$1 per stroke they lost by to a fund for Dan and Katie. Mulligans and skirts were also available to purchase with those funds hopefully improving the newlyweds' lifestyle or honeymoon or something.

It was a fun day although finishing in second place to Danny Monroe's team is never that much of a good time.

This was interesting and was sent to us by James Goss, the marketing director at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville...

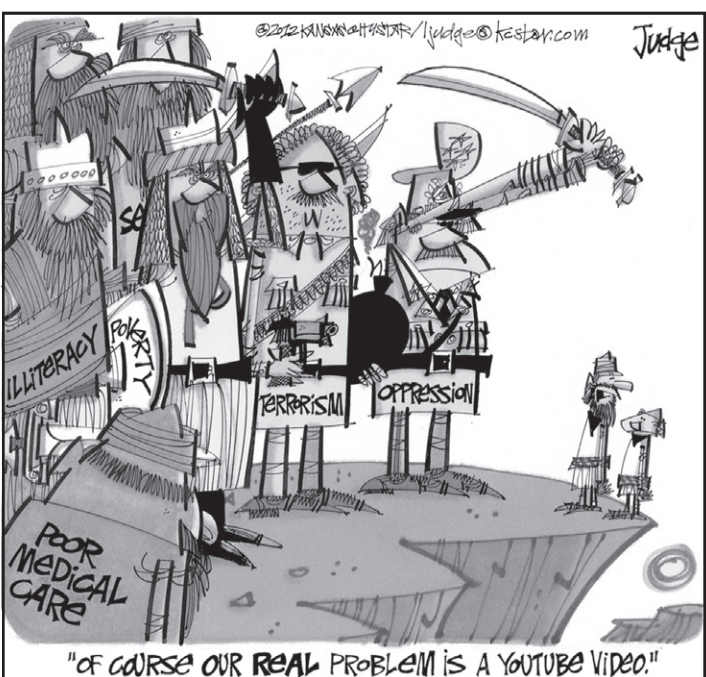
October 24, 1912, was the date of a buggy accident in Hopkinsville that later claimed the life of Jennie Stuart for whom Jennie Stuart Medical Center is named. The accident occurred at 9th and Main streets. "Miss Jennie," the wife of pioneer physician Edward Stuart, MD, of Fairview was in Hopkinsville on business when the accident occurred. She suffered a broken hip that day and died from her injuries on November 12, 1912.

After her death, Dr. Stuart and family members found money and other valuables hidden in and under the Stuart home. The following February, Dr. Stuart announced plans for a hospital in memory of his late wife, and in July of 1914, a 28-bed hospital opened for service. It cost \$34,000 which was funded by Dr. Stuart.

As a tribute to the hospital's original benefactor and his home town, in 2011 the hospital named a wholly owned subsidiary for primary care physician practices, "Fairview Physicians Network." Fairview Physicians Network operates BluegrassMD in Hopkinsville and GuthrieMD in Guthrie.

This test was prepared by Christy Winfrey for the volunteers' breakfast last week. See how observant you are.

1. On a standard traffic light, is the green light on the top or bottom?
 2. When you walk, does your left arm swing with your right or left leg?
 3. On the U.S. flag, is the top stripe red or white?
 4. Which way does the water go down the drain (north of the equator), clockwise or counter clockwise?
 5. How many channels are on a VHF television dial?
 6. Which way does a no smoking sign's slash run?
 7. Do books have even-numbered pages on the right or left side?
 8. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
 9. On which playing card is the card maker's trademark?
 10. How many sides are on a standard pencil?
 11. There are 12 buttons on a touch tone phone. What two symbols bear no digit?
 12. How many curves are there in a standard paper clip?
- And the answers are:
1. bottom
 2. right
 3. red
 4. clockwise
 5. 12
 6. toward bottom right
 7. left
 8. five
 9. ace of spades
 10. six
 - 11.* and #
 12. three
- In a group of about 12 seniors in high school and 20-or-so adults two people got 11 answers correct. One was McCade Freeman and the other was Tracy Overby.



COMMENTARY

Newspapers Remain A Fixture

By
U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers
8th District, Michigan

We can get our national news on cable television, catch the weather on local broadcast stations, listen to talk radio on the AM or FM dial and follow our favorite blogs on the Internet, but where do we turn for local information that directly impacts our daily lives? More often than not it is community newspapers.

Technology has transformed how we gather information in the 21st Century. Newscycles run 24/7, tablets and laptops are becoming smaller and smart phones keep getting smarter.

As a result most traditional large newspapers are struggling to stay alive — they are more and more frequently printing only two to three times a week, personnel and content are shrinking like never before, and more information is shifted to online editions.

Yet local community newspapers are thriving because they have persistently weathered the storm year in and year out to remain a fixture in our

everyday lives. As our societies become more complex and diverse with growing numbers of ways to obtain information, the role of local newspapers in informing our communities becomes even more significant.

We count on them to regularly check in with the courts and police stations. They print announcements on births, deaths, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, church news, job openings, school information and service club endeavors.

They publish notices of local municipal meetings. They print tax increases, millage initiatives, notices of changes in laws and property rezoning — all issues that most directly affect our pocketbooks by determining how our hard-earned tax dollars are spent at the local level and how our local officials are representing us.

They help run the local economic engine and provide a marketplace for the community. They offer local small businesses an effective and

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OTHER EDITORS

Newspapers Are Still Important

Call it the power of print. It's that feeling you get from news you can hold, something tangible you carry with you, unfold at your leisure and sometimes cut out to keep forever.

Sunday marked the beginning of National Newspaper Week, and a lot has been said about the woes newspapers across the nation are facing. We've all heard the story: dwindling advertising dollars and a shift in audience that just doesn't support a business model that's thrived for hundreds of years. It's true, with the Internet, came new competition for newspapers, and this competition is fierce. However, anybody who thinks it's time for newspapers to write their own obituaries isn't seeing the bigger picture.

Just for a minute, let's imagine a world without newspapers. For thousands of local readers, their morning routines just wouldn't be the same. They'd have to go elsewhere for the information that connects them to the world in which they live. Without a newspaper, people could get their news from the Internet, but because most of the information on the Web is aggregated content that came from newspapers, much of what's currently available online would cease to exist without newspapers to produce it.

Without newspaper, some people might look to the local TV or radio stations to fill the void. But the problem there is broadcast doesn't allow the same depth or detail that comes from print; it just takes too long to read the whole story on the air.

Broadcasters are good for a quick glance at the news, but they frequently fail to cite their sources and rarely correct misinformation.

While the Internet is changing the way we get our news and the way newspapers do business, it also presents a number of opportunities for journalists and readers. Never before have

we had so many tools — audio, video, photo galleries, just to name a few — at our fingertips to tell the news.

Despite all the changes in the industry, there is no substitute for local newspapers and what they do. Newspapers matter as much today as they ever have.

Just as one example, at a recent board of education meeting, a handful of people stood up and lobbied for a property tax hike. It wasn't a big tax increase, but in the end, the school district netted about \$840,000 more to work with. The way it unfolded was, a couple days before the meeting, the New Era wanted to let people know what was coming. We had a few questions about where the county stood in relationship to other districts in Kentucky, and the story was assigned to Senior Staff Writer Nick Tabor.

He did a little digging. After pulling records from across the state and crunching the numbers, Tabor found Christian County had one of the lowest tax rates in the state. Armed with this information, a handful of concerned residents stood up and spoke to the need to better fund our schools. They repeatedly cited Tabor's story, and in the end, the board voted 3-2 to raise the tax. Board Chairman Barry Cornelius, who supported the increase, said he likely would have gone the other way if not for the residents who stood up.

Newspapers always have had and will continue to have a unique role in the communities they serve. Newspapers have the ability to engage and educate, to comfort and agitate, to tell and listen. Newspapers can be so many things to so many different people, and their role is constantly changing. However, despite all the change, one thing remains the same, and that is a newspaper's ability to matter.

—Kentucky New Era

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002.)

The Dawson Springs High School Marching Panther Band will go to the state quarterfinals.

The Panther Cross Country Boys raced third in the Hopkins County Meet.

The Panther girls won the Hopkins County Cross Country Meet last week for the third straight year.

Riley Howton celebrated his second birthday with a family party Sept. 20.

The funeral for Mrs. Novella Cartwright, 89, was held Saturday afternoon Oct. 5 at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, October 15, 1987.)

Services were held for Mrs. Hader Lee Butler, 65,

Thursday morning, Oct. 8, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Graveside services were held for Corbitt G. Driver, 80, Friday afternoon at Concord Cemetery at White Plains.

Funeral for James Everett Huddleston, 101, was held Saturday afternoon, Oct. 10, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, October 11, 1962.)

Mrs. Walter Ridley was selected by the Rotary Club as one of the most courteous people in Dawson Springs during the month of September.

Dana Lee Brown was surprised with a slumber party last Friday night at the home of her grandmother.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Laura Thomas, 72, Wednesday afternoon at the Ilsley Holiness Church.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Oct. 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force. Esek Hopkins was appointed the first commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy. His first fleet consisted of seven ships: two 24-gun frigates, two 14-gun brigs and three schooners.

• On Oct. 11, 1793, the death toll from a yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia hits 100. By the time it ended, 5,000 people were dead. A vaccine prevents yellow fever in much of the world, though 20,000 people still die every year from the disease.

• On Oct. 14, 1944, German Gen. Erwin Rommel, nicknamed "the Desert Fox," is given the option of facing a public trial for treason, as a co-conspirator in the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, or taking cyanide. He chose the latter. The German government gave Rommel a state funeral. His death was attributed to war wounds.

• On Oct. 8, 1956, New York Yankees right-hander Don Larsen pitches the first no-hitter in the history of the World Series. Even better, it was a perfect game -- that is, there were no runs, no hits and no errors, and no batter reached first base.

• On Oct. 9, 1992, a 28-pound bowling-ball-sized meteorite lands on an orange 1980 Chevy Malibu in Peekskill, N.Y. Scientists have determined that it came from the inner edge of the main asteroid belt in space, between Jupiter and Mars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hollywood Had Heroes

Dear Editor,
Since Veterans Day is just around the corner, I thought I'd pass along some interesting facts about famous Hollywood stars and others who served our nation during World War II.

Older folks will remember them. The rest will have to look them up. Dawson Springs has

several young servicemen now serving in the Persian Gulf.

Here's how Hollywood actors responded back in the Big War. To begin with, there were five American Airbone Divisions: the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd and the 101st. It amazes me that our airborne troops were the only troops in the world that had a reserve parachute in case the main chute failed.

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Of all the notables that served, perhaps you remember some of them. James Arness, star of “Gunsmoke” who was 6 feet, 7 inches tall, landed with the U.S. Army at Anzio, Italy, in January 1944 where he was wounded. Gene Autry, the “Singing Cowboy” was a pilot in the Army Air Corps. He actually taught himself to fly.

Ernest Borgnine, Academy Award winner, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1935 and was a gunner’s mate on the U.S.S. Lamberton. Mel Brooks, producer, director and actor, was a combat engineer during the Battle of the Bulge, deactivating land mines. Art Carney, sidekick of Jackie Gleason, who played Norton on the “Honeymooners,” was with the U.S. Army and was wounded on Omaha Beach by shrapnel during the D-Day landing.

Henry Fonda served as Quartermaster aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Saterlee in 1942 and later was commissioned a lieutenant (JG) in Air Combat Intelligence, earning himself a Bronze Star medal. Charlton Heston served as a radio operator on B-25s with the 11th Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

How about this irony? Actor George Kennedy served under Gen. George S. Patton. Later, in 1978, he portrayed Gen. Patton in the movie “Brass Target.” Actor Jack Lemmon served as Communications Officer aboard the aircraft carrier U.S. Lake Champlain. His buddy and co-star, Walter Matthau, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in April 1942 and won six battle stars while serving as both a gunner and radio operator in Europe. Lemmon and Matthau made many successful films together.

Everyone knows that Audie Murphy was officially listed as the most decorated soldier of World War II, but fellow character actor Neville Brand was also listed as the fourth most decorated soldier of that war.

I have listed only a few American notable people who served their country with honor. Sometime I’ll give you some others. But for now, that’s enough.

Ray Bochart
Dawson Springs

Romney Has Good Plan

Dear Editor,

The presidential election is between a personable, charming incumbent who offered change and his opponent who has succeeded in economics, industry, with increasing jobs, stable family values and far more donations and charitable contributions than Obama’s.

Obama’s presidency has more broken aims, hopes, promises and factors to blame his failures on. He has tried “executive privilege” to eliminate democratic legislation to the dismay of members of his own party. He has deserted one of our strongest allies, which still does not make all Islamists love us.

Israel was one of the nations allotted by the United Kingdom and Ottoman Turks. When assaulted, Israel fought and won to keep land and does not favor Obama’s futile urge to fall back to pre-1967 borders. Obama’s promise to keep nuclear weapons from Iran is weak, does not cause Iran to stop, and both sides know it.

When Adolph Hitler at Munich met Neville Chamberlain, Chamberlain returned to England speaking of “peace in our time.” It lulled France and England for the days that Wehrmacht massed for 1 Sept. 1939 destruction of Poland. Japanese diplomats in D.C. talked peace while the Japanese fleet secretly approached Pearl Harbor 7 Dec. 1941.

Romney knows that the devastating debt, economic decay, unemployment, industrial malaise cannot be corrected in one term, but his plan for recovery is the better one. His ability has shown.

Rex J. Phillips Jr.
Gilbertsville

KET Is Very Important

Dear Editor,

I am writing out of concern about a statement made by Gov. Romney last night in his debate with President Obama suggesting the elimination of funding for Public Broadcasting from the federal budget.

Committed to education, KET continues its rich tradition of bringing trusted, world class digital learning to Kentucky classrooms. In addition, KET provides distance learning courses in physics, Latin, German and soon Chinese, early childhood education resources and training, GED preparation courses and more, serving all ages.

Accessible to public schools and classrooms across the state, KET works to support innovation, student achievement and critical thinking skills necessary for Kentuckians to compete in a global economy.

With the election season underway, remember KET provides the most comprehensive, independent coverage of the candidates and election results. In addition, KET brings into our homes the best arts and performance programs from around the world for all of us to enjoy.

KET depends on a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to help bring excellent, high-quality programming to Kentucky. If you value KET, I encourage you to get involved. Join www.170millionAmericans to receive information about public broadcasting and its funding. Your voice does matter.

KET is a state treasure that must be protected and supported. I hope you will join with me in support of KET’s educational mission and public service to all Kentuckians.

Henrietta Kemp
KET Friends Board Member
Hopkinsville



MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs High School Band performing at the annual town show Friday, Sept. 14, are (from left) Jacob Adams, Logan Davenport and Alan Black

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

Madisonville Progress Luncheon Set

The Madisonville/Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation announced that Congressman Ed Whitfield will be the keynote speaker for the Third Annual Progress Luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 16. The luncheon will be held at the First United Methodist Church and will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Whitfield was elected to Congress in 1994 as the first Republican to represent Kentucky’s First Congressional District. Whitfield is a native of Hopkinsville and attended Madisonville High School. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree and law degree from the University of Kentucky. He also studied at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., where he now serves on the Board of Governors. Whitfield served as a 1st Lieutenant in the 100th Division of the U.S. Army Reserves.

Whitfield served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1974-75 while practicing law in Hopkinsville, where he operated a successful oil distributorship in the West Kentucky coal fields. In 1979, he became Counsel to the President of Seaboard System Railroad in Washington, D.C. Later, he was named

Vice President of State Relations and then Vice President for Federal Railroad Affairs for CSX Corporation. He served as Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) from 1991 to 1993 where he worked to reduce regulation of the nation’s barge, railroad and trucking industries.

Whitfield serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the full House Energy and Commerce Committee. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on the Environment and Economy and the Subcommittee on Health. He is an active supporter of economic development in Western Kentucky and a proponent of the coal industry.

Whitfield’s major legislative accomplishments include creating the 170,000 acre National Recreation Area at the Land Between the Lakes; introducing and passing legislation to create a Health Compensation Program at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant; championing the development of Interstates 69 and 66 in Western Kentucky; and helping to create the first Medicare Prescription drug benefit plan for

seniors.

The congressman is married to Connie Harriman, who served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Director of the U.S. Export-Import Bank and, currently, as Senior Advisor for Presidential Initiatives at The Humane Society of the United States.

The luncheon will also feature the announcement of the Unbridled Business Spirit Awards, presented to businesses that have expanded, located, added jobs, or made significant capital investments in Hopkins County.

Tickets are \$20 each and may be reserved by calling the MHCEDC office at 270-821-1939. Reservations are required. There will be no ticket sales at the door.



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Newspapers Are Fixture

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affordable means of connecting with local consumers. They print sales at the supermarket, coupons for discounts at local stores, real estate listings, and classifieds for everything from a used car to a neighbor’s garage sale.

It’s also personal. Communities feel a sense of ownership in their local newspaper, and the people that report the news are often our friends and neighbors down the street.

News aggregating Web sites such as Drudge Report and the major news blogs are great at offering up major national

and international news and analysis, but they simply do not provide the information on issues that impact us at the local level. It is especially true for the elderly and those with low incomes who often have less access to computers and transportation.

They normally only publish once a week, but community newspapers remain the one constant source of local information. In good times and in bad, they stay focused on us as a community.

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Final Furlough Monday

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•Existing after-hours protocol will be followed for processing domestic violence orders and emergency protective orders.

•Local court designated workers will not be available. The Court Designated Worker Program will have a supervisor available to ensure that law enforcement adheres to its statutory requirements in cases involving the arrest and custody of juveniles.

•Technology Services staff will not be available to recover the CourtNet database in the event the system experiences an interruption in service.

•County offices that share space with the state court system in courthouses and judicial centers will not be affected.

Furloughs are one of several measures included in the Judicial Branch's FY 2013 Budget

Reduction Plan. The 2012 Kentucky General Assembly reduced the total funds available to the Judicial Branch by \$25.2 million for FY 2013. This included a permanent reduction to the annual base operating budget of \$16.2 million and a one-time transfer of \$9 million in payroll to the state's general fund on June 30. Since the economic crisis began in 2008, the Judicial Branch has sustained repeated reductions to its budget and has cut 282 employees statewide.

The Supreme Court and leadership from the Administrative Office of the Courts will meet in January to determine if additional furloughs and reductions are necessary for the remainder of FY 2013 which runs July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013. They will also begin drafting a budget reduction plan for FY 2014, which presents an even greater shortfall than in FY 2013.



NEW police officer Bradley Ross was sworn in by Dawson Springs City Clerk Janet Dunbar on Friday, Sept. 28.

New Principal Named

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his arrival, work ethic and knowledge to bring us to new heights in our junior-senior high school.”

Proffitt described Stockman as very student centered, a quality that topped the list on parent surveys. He also noted that Stockman is well aware of the task before him.

“This will mark a new day in Dawson Springs for the staff, students and community. With no bar being too high to ensure student success in this community, the administrators are eager to assist him during his transition to make this time smooth and positive for everyone,” Proffitt said. “I hope everyone will join us in welcoming Kevin to our community and school.”



GETTING pie in the face at one of the booths at the PTO fall festival Friday, Sept. 28, are Emily Abbott (left) and Logan Davenport.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

TO DISCUSS AREA CODE 270 OPTIONS

PSC Schedules Public Meetings

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has announced six meetings to discuss the options and process for the creation of a new area code in all or a portion of the current area code 270 which covers Western Kentucky.

The meetings will be conducted by PSC staff and will include an informational presentation and an opportunity to ask questions and submit comments.

Meetings will be held in Hopkinsville, Paducah, Henderson, Owensboro, Bowling Green, and Elizabethtown. The meeting in Hopkinsville will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Hopkinsville Community College auditorium. Other times and locations are listed on the PSC Web site, psc.ky.gov.

For those unable to attend a meeting, the PSC has produced a narrated slideshow that may be viewed online as a 10-minute video. The video explains the need for a new area code, the options for creating one and the advantages and disadvantages of each option. It concludes with an explanation of the PSC's process for reaching a decision.

The video is available at

http://youtube/UlgFIDQesCM.

Area code 270 is projected to run out of available numbers by the first quarter of 2014. The PSC will consider two options for creating the new area code.

Telecommunications providers have recommended an overlay, which would create a second area code — 364 — in the same territory now covered by area code 270. The second option is a split, which would assign area code 364 to a portion of the current area code 270 territory.

An overlay would permit retention of all current 270 numbers, but would require 10-digit dialing for local calls. A split would retain seven-digit dialing for local calls, but would require both wireless and landline customers within about half the current area code to change their phone numbers.

“We hope that both residential and business phone customers will evaluate how these options might affect them,” PSC chairman David Armstrong said. “We also hope they take the time to share their views with the PSC.”

In addition to conducting public meetings, PSC staff will be available to make presentations to local governments,

chambers of commerce, civic groups and other organizations. To schedule a presentation, contact Andrew Meinykovych, public information officer for the PSC.

The PSC has not scheduled an evidentiary hearing in the case.

Public comments addressing the telecommunications industry proposal for an overlay must be submitted to the PSC by Nov. 16.

A public comment form is available on the PSC Web site http://psc.ky.gov/agencies/psc/forms/2012-00129_Public_Input_Form.PDF.

The form can be filled out online or submitted by e-mail or may be downloaded for submission at a later time.

Comments may be submitted in person at the public meetings. Comments may also be sent by mail to the PSC at P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, by fax to 502-564-9625, or by e-mail from the PSC Web site. Comments may also be submitted in person at the PSC offices.

All records in the case are available on the PSC Web site, psc.ky.gov. The case number in the current proceeding is 2012-00129.

Gas Prices Are Rising

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have risen 6.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.70 Sunday. This compares with the national average that has increased 0.6 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.80 per gallon, according to gasoline price Web site KentuckyGasPrices.com.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of Tuesday morning were \$3.69 per gallon, 10 cents lower than one week ago.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 40.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 9.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 1.3 cents per gallon during the past month and stands 37.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

“Thanks largely due to the situation in California, the national average rose slightly in the last week,” said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. “The good news for Californians is to expect relief this week. Around the rest of the nation I expect a mixed bag with prices not moving significantly in either direction from what I can see at this time.”

Fall Colors Can Be Seen At LBL

Visitors to Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area interested in viewing fall colors can drive the public access roads that meander through LBL. People can also hike, bike, ride on horseback, or ride ATVs on hundreds of miles of trails.

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TWINS Elizabeth and Alan Black were recognized during senior night activities between soccer games Friday, Sept. 21. With them are their parents Greg and Anita Black.

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SENIORS recognized between soccer games Friday, Sept. 21, are (from left) Alyssa Reece with her mother Rachel McCain and grandmother Evelyn Stephens, and Kailah McRae with her parents Chris and Jamie Maddox.

photo by Tim Midkiff

Panther Girls Taste Revenge, Take Out Lyons

After losing 5-0 to Lyon County early in the season, the Panther girls soccer team came away with a 2-1 win over the Lyons Thursday, Sept. 27, at Eddyville.

The win improved the Panthers' record to 7-9.

On a wet field with standing water, the Panthers didn't let the conditions bother them as

they came out as the aggressors.

Abby Coy scored the first goal, but the Lyons tied it up before halftime to even things up at the half.

"The girls didn't let the conditions bother them," coach Elizabeth Workman said.

"They were determined to win the game. They really wanted to beat Lyon County,"

Workman added.

The Panthers picked up the intensity in the second half, shutting out the Lyons the rest of the way.

Halyn Burden found the back of the net to give the Panthers the goal they needed to win the game.

"Our defense played a great game," Work-

man said. "We were down one of our main defenders due to injury (Alyssa Pugh). Allison Gordon was very impressive in stepping in to the spot."

"We have been playing much better than at the beginning of the season," Workman said. "I am proud of how much these girls have improved."

Soccer Teams Fall To Colonels

The Panther boys and girls soccer teams traveled to Hopkinsville Oct. 4 to face Christian County where they thought they matched up well with the Colonels because of their records. The host girls' team entered the game with a 4-10-2 record, while the boys' record was 4-11-3.

However, neither Panther team played well as the girls were beaten 3-1 and the boys fell to the Colonels 4-0.

"The game against Christian County was not one of our better games," girls' head coach Elizabeth Workman said.

Christian County struck first with an early goal, but the Panthers matched it later in the opening half. Halyn Burden scored off an assist from Katie Crider to tie the score.

The second half was all Christian County. They jumped on the Panthers for two more goals and a 3-1 win.

The Panther girls entered the district tournament Tuesday with a 7-10 record. They played

Madisonville-North Hopkins at Caldwell County (the score was not known at press time).

In the boys' game the only bright spot for the Panthers was their keeper Aaron Blue who had 26 keeper saves.

The Colonels were the aggressors all night with 48 shots on goal compared to only seven for the Panthers.

Although the Panthers' defense, led by their keeper, kept the Colonels off the score board in the first half for a 0-0 tie, the ball rarely advanced into the Panthers' offensive end of the field.

In the second half the Colonels scored four goals for the win.

"The boys came out flat," assistant coach Dianne Labrado said. "They had not practiced or played since Sept. 27."

The boys ended the regular season with a 3-10-2 record.

The Panthers played the host school Caldwell County in the 7th District Tournament Tuesday (the score was not known at press time).

Middle School Harriers Come On Strong At Meet

Panther Runner Places First In Boys' Race

The Panthers didn't have enough runners to field teams in the varsity races Oct. 4 at the Fenton Dalton Invitational Cross Country Meet at Trigg County. However, plenty of middle school runners had good showings with a first place in the boys' race and second place in the girls' event.

The middle school boys won with Graves County second and Trigg County third. The Panthers had seven of the top 10 finishers with Dylan Simpson winning in a time of 15:33. This was the second consecutive year he has won the event.

The other Panther runners in the top 10 with their times were: Isiah Abbott, third, 15:57; Kameron Orten, fourth, 16:00; Christian Abbott, sixth, 16:29; Ty Akin, seventh, 16:31; Ayden Davis, ninth, 17:23; and Skylar Clark, 10th, 17:40.

The rest of the Panthers, their positions and times were: Logan McKnight, 16th, 19:04; Chipper Bruch, 17th, 19:17; Charles Abbott, 18th, 19:18; Jett McKnight, 21st, 19:44; Cainan Trautman, 24th, 20:09; Tylan Moore, 27th, 20:27; Matthew Cunningham, 33rd, 24:38; and Riley Howton, 34th, 30:39.

In the varsity race Ryne Bruch finished seventh, and Cole Parker was 22nd, with both Panthers winning medals. Thomas Moore also ran in the varsity event, but coach Rhonda Simpson didn't know his official order of finish.

"I was very proud of our runners," coach Simpson said. "Cole Parker and several of the middle school runners had personal best times."

The middle school girls finished second with 47 points behind Graves County's 38 points. Christian County had 57 while Trigg County tallied 92.

Ashton Mitchell, Kaylee Simpson and Madison Spurlin paced the Panthers with fifth, seventh and ninth place finishes, respectively, in 18:08, 18:34 and 19:03.

Alyssa Dismang was 11th in 19:25; Isabel Spurlin was 15th in 20:46; Sabreyn Pleasant, 16th, 20:47; Aubrie Gunn, 18th, 21:37; and



SKYLER CLARK gives it his all during the Fenton Dalton Invitational Cross Country Meet at Trigg County Thursday, Oct. 4. Clark finished the middle school race in 17:40.

Photo by Mike Howton

Abigail McGregor, 31st, 30:02.

"The middle school performed excellent," girls' coach Amanda Scott said. "Graves County is a very strong team. To come within nine points of their score is a huge success, and I'm very proud of their efforts."

In the girls' varsity race Hannah Densmore finished 20th in 24:56 to lead the Panthers. Paige Hendrix was 26th in 25:59, and Andie Mills finished 29th in 26:53.

The Panther harriers' next meet is Oct. 16 at Paducah in the St. Mary's All-Comers Meet.



KRISTEN PEEK (3) and Allison Gordon (9) move to the ball during the girls' game against Christian County High School Thursday, Oct. 4.

Photo by Laura A. Field

ESPN Announces New Series Focusing On UK

From
Kentucky Press News Service

ESPN will premiere a new sports series this fall focusing on the University of Kentucky men's basketball team.

All-Access Kentucky debuts this month, according to a news release from UK, and will follow Coach John Calipari and his staff as they guide the new faces of the defending national champion Wildcats from Big Blue Madness to the start of the 2012 season. The multi-part series will consist

of 30-minute weekly shows airing on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Eastern Time with the first three episodes scheduled for Oct. 17, 24 and 31.

All-Access Kentucky will provide a never-before-seen perspective of the Wildcats' preparation for the basketball season. The episodes will chronicle teaching six new players the Kentucky system and trying to mold high school superstars into instant national champions, all while recruiting the class of 2013. The cinéma vérité series will showcase what life can be like on a top-level collegiate basket-

ball team, providing a unique window into the first step in building a national champion, the news release said.

"Our mission at ESPN is always to serve sports fans and with many new players on the Wildcats this year, there is enormous interest surrounding this team," Norby Williamson, ESPN's executive vice president of programming and acquisitions, said in the news release. "All-Access Kentucky gives us an opportunity to deliver something entertaining and unique that helps bring fans closer to a sport they love."

The series will be a trip inside the lives of Coach Cal, his staff and the players, the fight for playing time, what happens in the weight room, the inside jokes and pranks. All-Access Kentucky will highlight UK's seemingly unrivaled ability to land top players and quickly build them into a cohesive team, as they try to repeat as national champion with four freshmen and no starters from the previous season.

ESPN will also produce original segments and highlights from the series to air across SportsCenter

and other ESPN platforms including ESPN.com and SportsNation.

"College basketball fans are among the most passionate and dedicated sports fans in the country and they have a strong desire to connect with their team and feel a part of the action," Jamie Horowitz, ESPN's vice president of original programming and production, said in the news release. "All-Access Kentucky will bring people behind the scenes of this storied program to capture both the joys and the challenges of creating and leading an elite college basketball team."

‘It Got Late Early’ For Joker’s Wildcats

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



Joker Phillips takes his team on the road this week. A good thing.

At the turn, his Wildcats are oh-fer against America’s third, fourth, 18th and 19th ranked teams, and West-

ern Kentucky received votes also, in the coaches poll.

The turn for UK football amounts to more than half-a-season. For many in Big Blue Nation, it’s turn-the-page to basketball.

Last week ESPN-TV announced a full access feature into John Calipari’s program. A day later the country’s highest rated high school guards said they will play at Kentucky. This Friday evening is Big Blue Madness.

Yogi Berra might tell UK’s beleaguered football coach, “Got late early, didn’t it?”

That UK foes are 29-2 halfway through the season, is telling, but of little consolation.

There is a bright side. Sparkles.

- Patrick Towles. Five plays into his SEC debut, the freshman quarterback was a man on fire, ready to run the next play. A Commonwealth Stadium crowd starved for something to cheer about watched the kid march

his team the way the Deuce used to — with confidence and a touch of swagger.

Towles’ fifth pass, all completions, was a strike to LaRod King for a touchdown.

Two snaps later, Towles was on the ground, his ankle crunched under 6-5, 255-pound Denico Autry. He was done for the day, but the kid will be back. Sturdy and determined, the 6-foot-5, 230-plus pounder has commander written on his face. Towles can be special.

- Kentucky football will be back, too.

Reasonable fans still watching the Wildcats have seen an uncommon number of skilled underclassmen who lack only experience. And, they play hard for The Man.

Despite noisy “get-rid-of-the-coach-types,” count me among those who hope Joker Phillips’ boss has backbone enough to stand by his man, honor UK’s end of a five-year contract, and bring Phillips back for year four.

Meanwhile, for disheartened Big Blue Nation fans, these signs of better days are coming.

1. Gear up your computer and review Kentucky Football Depth Chart for 2012. There is an unusual number of underclassmen already playing this season.
2. Fellow SEC bottom-feeder

Vanderbilt continues to make turn-around progress. The Commodores beat Missouri in Columbia last week and have a shot at No. 4 Florida in Nashville this week.

3. A D-I football program that, three seasons ago, owned college football’s longest losing streak, is in full renaissance. Western Kentucky was even receiving votes this week in the college coaches poll.

O-WEEK IN KENTUCKY

For our state’s prime D-I football teams, opportunity knocks this week.

- ✓ Western Kentucky (4-1) goes on the road against Sun Belt rival Troy (3-2) Thursday night (ESPNU).

A Western win would extend the ‘Tops streak to five and set the stage for what could be a play-all-night homecoming date with Louisiana-Monroe Oct. 20. The Warhawks (3-2) average 39.6 points a game.

- ✓ Louisville’s visit to Pittsburgh this week can be the first step toward the unbeaten and 18th ranked Cardinals’ full claim for consideration to a major bowl game. First step because a U of L win would set the table for three-game home stand with South Florida, Cincinnati and Temple.

Only a whim, but wouldn’t a U of L–Notre Dame bowl game have a nice ring to it?

Opportunity Week.

KENTUCKY BASKETBALL

The really good news for UK fans came last week when twins Aaron and Andrew Harrison said “yes” to Kentucky and “no thanks” to Maryland.

Unable to disguise his bias, a dis-

appointed Baltimore Sun writer said: “Texas twins ... picked the defending national champions over a program looking to recapture its past glory. They also picked a coach who has reputation for turning one-and-done college players into NBA lottery picks.

“Though the Harrisons said simultaneously that ‘for the next four years we will be attending the University of Kentucky,’ the 6-foot-5 guards are expected to stay only a year in college before going to the NBA.”

If the Sun reporter is right, not to worry, the scholarships Aaron and Andrew Harrison sign with UK will be available again in nine months.

ALL ACCESS UK: BAD IDEA

A press release from University of Kentucky athletics last week said ESPN is cleared for an All-Access series into men’s basketball. Hand-held cameras will take fans behind the scenes.

Good idea? For whom?

Television access to players at practice and in the locker room, however it’s edited, is a breach of athletes’ privacy and brazen exploitation by a coach with no qualms about making Kentucky basketball into the Kardashians.

History tells us, a major part of this program’s popularity is tied to its mystique and limited access. (i.e. hot-test ticket in town).

UK basketball doesn’t need this.

If familiarity breeds contempt, and it does, then John Calipari has been allowed to make UK basketball into

a boat with a glass bottom for no good reason. Why do it? So Calipari can promote his favorite subject with ESPN — himself.

ESPN All-Access — bad idea.

WORTH REPEATING

Ohio State third-string quarterback Cardale Jones issued a twitter last week on his feelings about attending classes. OSU athletic officials were stunned and red-faced.

“Why should we have to go to class if we came here to play football?” Jones tweeted. “We ain’t come to play school. Classes are pointless.”

By late Friday night OSU had gone to damage control. The tweet and Jones’ account were shut down.

Considering Jones’ grammar, his best college option would be one-and-done.

FIELD OF DREAMS

An item here last week said the farm in Iowa where Field of Dreams was filmed, has been sold. The report brought this eloquent reader response.

“Traveled to Dysersburg, Iowa, visit(ed) Field of Dreams,” wrote Asa Rouse of Walton. “I ran the bases, faked some swings at an imaginary ball and, most adventuresome of all, I walked into the iconic corn field as (wife) Libby watched and applauded from the field’s little bleachers.”

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Flooded Impoundments Supply Natural Waterfowl Foods

By Art Lander Jr.

Seasonally flooded impoundments, also referred to as moist soil units, can produce a smorgasbord of native plants that migrating waterfowl will feed on throughout the fall and winter hunting seasons.

“Natural foods are superior to row crops because they provide more complete nutrition,” said Kevin Tucker, a private lands wildlife biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “With the proper water level manipulation its possible to encourage smartweed, wild millet, fall panicum and sedges, which will attract mallards and other species of dabbling ducks.

Seasonally flooded impoundments typically average about 10

acres in size, but can be as small as 1-1/2 acres or larger than 100 acres. The optimum water depth is about 18 inches.

The best locations for seasonal impoundments are low areas along rivers or in creek bottoms, where runoff water collects and the soil types hold water. Construction should take place during the dry part of the summer, but Tucker, who has worked in Western Kentucky since 1995, said it can be too dry. “There has to be enough moisture to be able to compact the dirt levee, he said.

Water levels are controlled by what’s called a stop log structure. This consists of a three-sided metal box with slots on the front facing the water where boards can be stacked on top of one another.

“When water overtops the

boards, it falls into the box and runs out a pipe through the levee, said Tucker. “Adding boards raises the water level in the impoundment, and removing boards lowers it.

After the growing season is over in early fall, the water level should be brought up slowly.

“That way not all the food will be flooded at the same time, said Tucker. “You want the water level to peak in early- to mid-December.

With proper water level management, natural foods will be available to waterfowl for a much longer period of time than grains such as corn or millet, which deteriorate rapidly when flooded continuously.

Seasonally flooded impoundments continue to provide food long after the weed seed are gone in the late win-

ter, when ducks migrate back through Kentucky on their way to their breeding grounds.

“Ducks forage through the fodder or plant debris, feeding on larval insects and other invertebrates that provide much-needed protein, Tucker said.

The draining of seasonal impoundments should not begin until early- to mid-April.

“You want to slowly take the water level down, removing one board every two weeks,” said Tucker. “By slowly lowering the water level you get a much different vegetative response. Drop the water level too fast and your mudflats will dry up. That will promote the growth of bad weeds such as the cocklebur.

Hunters with access to wetlands could have some excellent hunting this fall. Many of the ponds and sloughs in Western Kentucky that dried up during the summer drought are now covered with lush stands of native grasses, providing excellent duck forage.

Duck numbers are up, too.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S.F.W.S.) reports the 2012 estimate of breeding ducks in the traditional survey area was 48.6 million birds, a 7 percent increase from last year’s record total. This is the largest estimate since annual waterfowl surveys began in 1955. Mallards were up 15 percent from 9.2 million birds in 2011 to 10.6 million this

year. Only twice, in 1958 and 1999, have more mallards been recorded during the May survey. Populations of all other major duck species, except northern pintails, were either above or statistically similar to 2011 estimates.

Seasonally flooded impoundments will help you take advantage of this fantastic waterfowl bounty this fall.

Lake Cumberland Now Being Stocked With Redear Sunfish

Lake Cumberland is the latest reservoir in Kentucky to be stocked with redear sunfish.

“Our goal is to establish a viable, self-sustaining population of these high-quality panfish,” said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “We’ll have three years of redears stocked in the lake by 2013.”

Lake Cumberland received 103,400 redear sunfish this year. The fish were up to 3 inches long.

“Fish were stocked at four locations – Lilly Creek, Caney Creek, Beaver Creek and Otter Creek,” said Buynak. “Last year, 219,000 were stocked. Some were up to 4 inches in length, but most were 1 to 2 inches.”

Kentucky has also stocked these fish in Dewey, Fishtrap and Yatesville lakes in recent years.

Native to Kentucky, the redear sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*) is found statewide. Their preferred foods are snails and clams. Specially adapted teeth in the back of their mouths are used to crush the shells of snails and clams, hence the common name “shellcracker.”

They resemble bluegills in body shape, with dark, olive green backs and upper sides, green and yellowish lower sides, and whitish bellies. Males have a distinctive black gill cover with a blood red edge. The female’s gill cover has an orange edge.

Redear sunfish can grow to enormous size and in quality populations: 10-inch fish are common. Kentucky’s state record redear sunfish weighed 3 pounds, 1 ounce.

The timing of the stockings at Lake Cumberland could pay big dividends if repair work on Wolf Creek Dam is completed on schedule.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dropped the lake by 40 feet while repairs to the dam are under way. Plans are to raise the lake level back up to its normal summer pool by the spring of 2014.

With many shallow embayments now grown up in brush since the 2007 drawdown, there would be plenty of flooded cover for the redear sunfish. “If the lake comes back up as scheduled, we could have some 10-inch redear sunfish in Lake Cumberland by 2014,” said Buynak.

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♣ A

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♠ K 2
♥ K Q J
♦ Q 9 3
♣ J 9 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 7 6 4 3
♥ 7 3
♦ 6 4
♣ K 8 5

The bidding:
North 1♦
East Pass
South 2♠
West Pass
Opening lead — king of hearts.

B. Jay Becker, the former editor of this column, liked to tell this story about the time he was playing with Helen Sobel in the Masters Team-of-Four championship many years ago.

The bidding went as shown, and Becker became declarer at four spades. West led the K-Q-J of hearts, South trumping the third heart.

Becker's principal problem was how to try to avoid losing two trump tricks. Several approaches were possible. If West had the K-J-x of spades, for example, declarer could not afford to play the ace and another spade, which would allow West to score the king and jack for down one.

Alternatively, if East had the K-J-x and South led the ace and

another trump, the contract would still be in danger if East took the second spade and returned the jack. In that case, Becker would not be able to ruff his losing club in dummy.

Then there was also the possibility that the club loser could be averted by taking a diamond finesse, or by ruffing the A-K of diamonds and ruffing a diamond, hoping the queen would fall.

As Becker weighed these options in his mind, he took lots and lots of time. After a while, Mrs. Sobel got up from the table, wandered around the room, came back to see whether her partner had played a card yet (which he hadn't), went off again and eventually settled down at a nearby sofa to read a magazine.

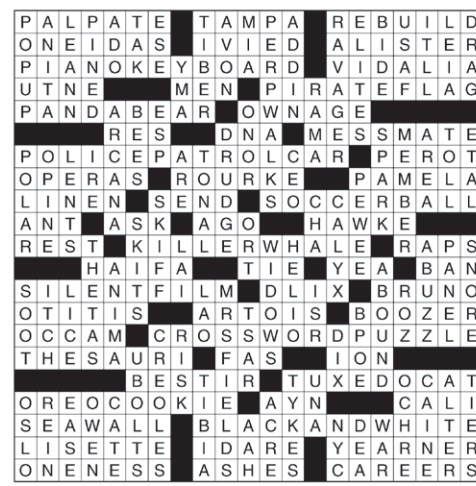
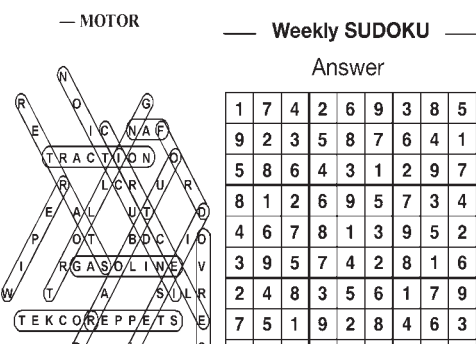
Meanwhile, Becker's opponents chatted amiably, occasionally getting up to stretch or get a drink of water. Time went on.

Finally, after more than 15 minutes, he decided to play the ace and another spade. When the trumps divided 2-2, he claimed the rest. Every other conceivable line of play also would have worked.

Mrs. Sobel returned to the table shortly afterward and asked anxiously, "Did you make it?" "Sure," said Becker, "it was a laydown!"

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES



HOROSCOPES SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel compelled to get involved on the "right side" of a seemingly unfair fight. But appearances can be deceptive. Get the facts before going forth into the fray.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bullying others into agreeing with your position could cause resentment. Instead, persuade them to join you by making your case on a logical point-by-point basis.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist pushing for a workplace decision you might feel is long overdue. Your impatience could backfire. Meanwhile, focus on that still-unsettled personal situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor doing something different. You might decide to redecorate your home, or take a trip somewhere you've never been, or even change your hairstyle.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might want to take a break from your busy schedule to restore your energy levels. Use this less-hecktic time to also reassess your plans and make needed changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) What you like to think of as determination might be seen by others as nothing more than stubbornness. Try to be more flexible if you hope to get things resolved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch that you don't

unwittingly reveal work-related information to the wrong person. Best to say nothing until you get official clearance to open up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With things settling down at work or at home, you can now take on a new challenge without fear of distraction. Be open to helpful suggestions from colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity can help resolve an emotional situation that might otherwise get out of hand. Continue to be your usual caring, sensitive self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could impress a lot of influential people with the way you untangle a few knotty problems. Meanwhile, a colleague is set to share some welcome news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor recharging your social life and meeting new people. It's also a good time to renew friendships that might be stagnating due to neglect on both sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. Your talent for working out a highly technical problem earns you well-deserved praise. The week-end could bring news about a friend or relative.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of justice makes you a strong advocate for the rights of people and animals alike.

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HOLDING a check for \$113,470 representing the 11,347 volunteer hours provided at the Dawson Springs Community Schools are these volunteers who enjoyed a breakfast in their honor Thursday, Oct. 4, in the Hard Work Cafe at the school. With them are Kent Workman, Director of Pupil Personnel, FRYSC representatives Christy Winfrey and Dianne Labrado. (Below) Carolyn Sigler being recognized for the most volunteer hours last year.

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Volunteer Breakfast Held At Dawson Springs School

The annual breakfast honoring volunteers in the Dawson Springs Independent School System was held Oct. 4 in the Hard Work Cafe.

The program included special music by Deputy Punkin Arnett and Bryan Williams, a Dawson Springs High School senior.

Kent Workman, Director of Pupil Personnel, addressed the group on behalf of Superintendent Charles Proffitt.

“If you look at the hours upon hours our volunteers provide for us, it is astounding. Schools around us don’t come close,” Workman said. “The volunteers we have are so important to our students. We can’t tell you how much we appreciate you.”

Workman was presented a “check” for \$113,470 representing 11,347 volunteer hours at \$10 per hour.

Carolyn Sigler, a preschool

volunteer, was recognized for having the most hours last year with 1,028.

Sigler is a member of the Gold Club for volunteers with 500 hours or more. Other Gold Club members are Mary Grisham, 1,011 hours; Karla Mitchell, 645.5 hours; Betty Jackson, 570 hours; and Elizabeth Workman, 500 hours.

Century Club members with 100 to 249 hours are Wendy Shipley, 216; Monty Todd, 200; Lisa Littlejohn, 195; Lori Blalock, 160; Vanessa Harper, 152; Jamie Ford, 130; Laura Hatton, 120; Barbara Barr, 119; Kristin Randolph, 116.5; Bill Crider, 114.5; Charles Proffitt, 103; Amie Thomas, 103; Bob Bruch, 100; Greg Copeland, 100; Terri Giffin, 100; and Scott Summers, 100.

Numerous others volunteered between 10 and 99 hours during the year.

Student Aid Applications Now Available At MCC

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available for students planning to attend Madisonville Community College during the spring 2013 semester.

Students are encouraged to file for financial aid as soon as possible. The priority deadline for spring 2013 aid is Nov. 1. Students applying for aid after this date will encounter delays in processing.

Those completing the FAFSA will need their 2011 federal taxes and W-2 forms. According to federal regulations, unmarried students under the age of 24 who do not support a child more than 51 percent are required to provide parental income as well.

For additional financial aid information, phone 824-8693 or visit madisonville.kctcs.edu.

KET’s Kentucky Collectibles Will Feature Rare Marbles

On the next “Kentucky Collectibles,” hosts Dave Shuffett and Amy Hess discover the value of some of the rarest

marbles in the world. The program airs Saturday, Oct. 27, at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m. on KET.

Homemakers Club Will Meet

The Pennyriple Homemakers will meet at 10 a.m. Friday at the Lodge at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park.

For information, phone club president JoAnn Edwards at 797-0906.

McKnight Twins Enroll At EKU

Rihana and Ryan McKnight, 2012 graduates of Dawson Springs High School, are among the more than 2,400 new freshmen enrolled at East-

ern Kentucky University this fall.

They are the children of Michael and Darlene McKnight of Dawson Springs.



MARY PARIS, (second from left) MCC’s student of the month for September is working toward an associate in arts degree. With her are (from left) Octavia Lawrence, student support services program coordinator; Jay Parent, dean of student affairs; and Penny Charbonneau, student support services program coordinator.

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Mary Paris Is September ‘Student Of The Month’

Mary Paris of Dawson Springs was selected as MCC’s Student of the Month for September.

Dr. Scott Vander Ploeg, professor of English, nominated Paris and commented, “Mary appears to be quite devoted to her studies though I’ve not had her as a student in my classes. She certainly is doing a great

job as president of the local chapter of the honor society. I’m impressed with her tenacity and good humor. She is also impressive as a returning student and has a good backstory for her approach to school involvement.”

Paris is working toward completion of an associate in arts degree.

D.S.H.S. Band Does Well In Weekend Competitions

The Dawson Springs High School marching band participated in two competitions Saturday. At Christian County Dawson Springs placed second in Class A.

“This was a much cleaner performance compared to last week,” said director Andy Hall. “Many of the things we worked on during the week went well. Our overall presentation was more of what we want the kids to do each time.”

The percussion and color guard were also second in Class A. However, the percussion finished ahead of a Class AAAA band, and the guard topped one AAA and two AAAA groups.

McLean County placed first in Class A, and Lyon County third. The overall champion was Madisonville North

Hopkins from Class AAAA.

The local band also placed second in its class at McLean County. Owensboro Catholic won the Class A division, and Lyon County came in third.

“The band played much better at the night show, and our score jumped to close to where we need to be,” Hall said. “This show produced the high score of the season to this point.”

Hall believes Dawson Springs would have scored even higher if everyone had been available for the performance.

“We have a lot of work to do to reach the top eight at quarter-finals,” he said.

The band’s next performance is the state quarterfinals Oct. 20 in Hopkinsville.



MEMBERS of the Hunt family who walked in the “Walk To End Alzheimer’s” September 29 in Hopkinsville are (front, from left) Pat Hunt, Carrie LeFevre, Stephanie Gamblin; (back) Jim Hunt and Larry LeFevre.

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Hopkins Judges Participate In District Judges College

Hopkins County District Court Judges W. Logan Calvert and William R. Whitledge participated in the 2012 Kentucky District Judges College Sept. 16–19 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz. The program included 19 hours of continuing education credit for the

judges.

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CALEB ESPOSITO

Caleb Esposito Is Born Oct.3

Anthony Joseph Esposito and Laura Mae Hatton announce the birth of a son, Caleb Joseph Esposito.

Caleb was born at 12:16 a.m. Oct. 3 at Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8-pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are the Rev. E.J. and Becky Hatton of Dawson Springs.

Paternal grandparents are Greg and Bernadette Grisham of Dawson Springs.



THE TOMMY GIRLS, a local group who participated in the “Walk To End Alzheimer’s” September 29, in Hopkinsville are (front, from left) Cydney Collins, Blair Knight, Kenzie Knight, Thea Parish, Maddy Grace and Miley Jo Parish, Meme Young, Lisa Harris; (back) Mandy Creekmur, Beth Dillingham (hidden), Jackie Greenfield, Cindy Allen, Tracy Collins, Stephanie Gamblin, Amanda Martin, Trudy Hendrickson, Shelia Ausenbaugh, Paula Hill, Kim Menser, Larry LeFevre, Carrie LeFevre, Jim Hunt, and Pat Hunt. The team raised \$3,208 for the walk.

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DONNIE OVERBY, local author, reads excerpts from his book “The Movie House Mystery” to Rebecca Campbell’s and Martha Davis’ third grade classes at Dawson Springs Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Overby, who writes under the name Will Overby, has donated a copy of his book to the Dawson Springs Branch Library and the local school library.

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